

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re: THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, as representative of THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, <u>et al.</u> Debtors. ¹	PROMESA Title III Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)
In re: THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO as representative of PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY, Debtor.	PROMESA Title III Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS Re: ECF Nos. 16820, 16833, 16950, 16952, 17169, 17170 and 17403 in Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS and ECF Nos. 2498, 2499, 2517, 2521, 2533, 2534 and 2558 in Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS This Motion Relates Only to PREPA and Shall Only Be Filed in Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

**MOTION OF PREPA FOR LEAVE TO CITE SPANISH-LANGUAGE CASE LAW
AND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE CERTIFIED TRANSLATIONS**

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COMES NOW, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority², by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully states and prays as follows:

1. Today, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) filed *PREPA's Opposition to Verified Motion of Foreman Electric Services Inc. for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim* (the “Opposition”) (ECF No. 17403)³
2. In support of the arguments raised in the Opposition, PREPA cited the following authority:
 - a. *Alco Corp. v. Mun. de Toa Alta*, 183 D.P.R. 530, 552 (2011)
 - b. *Colón-Colón v. Mun. de Arecibo*, 170 D.P.R. 718, 728–729 (2007)
 - c. *Genesis Security Services, Inc. v. Departamento del Trabajo y Recursos Humanos*, 204 D.P.R. 986, 997-989 (2015)
 - d. *Mun. of Quebradillas v. Corp. Salud Lares*, 180 D.P.R. 1003 (2011)
 - e. *Ortiz v. Guayama Municipality*, 163 D.P.R. 208 (2004)
 - f. *Quest Diagnostics v. Mun. San Juan*, 175 D.P.R. 994 (2009)
 - g. *Rodríguez-Ramos v. ELA*, 190 D.P.R. 448 (2014)
3. The above-listed cases are available on Westlaw in its original Spanish language (the “Spanish-Language Case Law”). Due to time constraints, despite diligent efforts, PREPA was unable to obtain certified English-language translations of the Spanish-Language Case Law from their original Spanish language prior to today’s filing. Accordingly, PREPA seeks leave from this Court to rely on Spanish-Language Case Law in its original Spanish language and requests an extension of seventeen (17) days, to and including August 2, 2021, to file a certified English-language translation of the Spanish-Language Case Law pursuant to Local District Rule 5(g).

² The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as PREPA’s representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act*, has authorized PREPA to file this motion on its behalf.

³ References to Case No. 17-03283-LTS.

WHEREFORE, PREPA respectfully requests the Court to enter the Proposed Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A, permitting it to cite Spanish-Language Case Law in their original Spanish language, granting until August 2, 2021, to submit a certified English-language translation of the Spanish-Language Case Law, and granting such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: July 16, 2021
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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EXHIBIT A

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER ON MOTION OF PREPA FOR LEAVE TO CITE
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Upon consideration of the *Motion of PREPA for Leave to Rely on Spanish-Language Case Law and for Extension of Time to File a Certified Translation* (the “Motion”), filed by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), for an order granting PREPA leave to rely on a Spanish-language version of the Spanish-Language Case Law² and an extension of seventeen (17) days, to and including August 2, 2021, to file certified English-language translations of the Spanish-Language Case Law, as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and to grant the relief requested therein pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a); and venue being proper pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a); and notice of the Motion being adequate and proper under the circumstances, and no other or further notice being required; and finding good cause for the requested relief, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. PREPA is permitted to rely on the Spanish-language version of the Spanish-Language Case Law.
3. PREPA’s certified English-language translation of the Spanish-Language Case Law shall be due on or before August 2, 2021.

Dated: July __, 2021

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.